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SUBJECT: CCD 660TH PLENARY MEETING, MARCH 20, 1975

1. BULGARIAN REP NIKOLOV DELIVERED ONLY FORMAL STATEMENT AT
MAR 20 CCD PLENARY. NIKOLOV PREDICTABLY ECHOED THEMES

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OF EARLIER SOV BLOC INTERVENTIONS; HOWEVER, WITH

CERTAIN NUANCES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST. TIPPING HAT TO SALT AND VLADIVOSTOK RESULTS, NIKOLOV SAID THAT TOTAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR THREAT PRESUPPOSED CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS AND COOPERATION OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS PLUS CONTRIBUTION BY NNWS. LATTER WAS BEST ILLUSTRATED BY NPT; "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD" HAD GIVEN PAINFUL REMINDER THAT PROLIFERATION DANGER WAS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE AND ACCENTUATED NEED FOR SPEEDY ACTION TO PREVENT IT. THERE ALSO HAD BEEN A SUDDEN AWAKENING TO THREATS ATTENDANT UPON IMMINENT BROAD EXPANSION OF USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY; "EACH COUNTRY WITH THE MASTERING OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL USES ACQUIRES AT THE SAME TIME ... THE POTENTIAL CAPABILITY TO DEVELOP AND PRODUCE NUCLEAR ARMS." SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS, NIKOLOV SAID, COULD BE FOUND ONLY ON BASIS OF STRENGTHENING NPT AND ITS UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE. PROSPECT OF EARLY RATIFICATION BY SEVERAL NEAR-NUCLEAR STATES. REINFORCED BULGARIA'S CONFIDENCE THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE.

2. ON NUCLEAR TESTING NIKOLOV STATED VIEW THAT NATIONAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION, ON WHICH THRESHOLD TEST BAN WAS "BASED ENTIRELY," WERE FULLY ADEQUATE FOR CTB AS WELL. CITING RECENT PUGWASH CONFERENCE REPORT IN SUPPORT OF THIS POSITION, HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO DROP ITS INSISTENCE ON ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND THUS CLEAR WAY FOR ANOTHER MAJOR STEP FORWARD. NIKOLOV ALSO WELCOMED FRENCH DISCONTINUANCE OF ATMOSPHERIC TESTING AND ADDED THAT IT NOW REMAINED TO BE SEEN "WHETHER THE STRONG FEELINGS OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION...WILL NOT LAST INFLUENCE THE ATTITUDE OF THE PRC -- THE ONLY NUCLEAR POWER WHICH STILL PERSISTS IN CONDUCTING SUCH TESTS."

3. IN CONNECTION WITH NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES, NIKOLOV LABELED AS "INDISPENSABLE REQUIREMENTS" COMMITMENTS BY ALL NWS TO FORGO USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST NNWS "AND THE RELATED OBLIGATIONS FOR ALL STATES INVOLVED TO PREVENT THE DEPLOYMENT AND TRANSPORT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS" IN SUCH ZONES. NIKOLOV NOTED CONTINUED BULGARIAN SUPPORT FOR BALKAN NFZ AND SAID BULGARIA WELCOMED RECENT SOVIET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSAL "TO EFFECT THAT" US AND USSR SHOULD START NEGOTIATIONS ON WITHDRAWAL OF NUCLEAR-ARMED SHIPS FROM MEDITERRANEAN.

4. ON PNES, NIKOLOV QUOTED PREAMBLE OF 1974 UNGA RES 3261D THAT "IT HAS NOT YET PROVEN POSSIBLE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THAT FOR NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOR PEACEFUL PUR-

POSES." HE SAID THIS KEY SENTENCE HIGHLIGHTED COMPLEXITY AND DIFFICULTY OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN CCD'S PROSPECTIVE EXAMINATION OF ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNES, WHICH SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN SUMMER SESSION. THIS EXAMINATION, ACCORDING TO NIKOLOV, WOULD BE FACILITATED BY FORTH-COMING IAEA EXAMINATION OF "SOME IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF PNES", AND "POSSIBLY BY THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN" BY NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IN LIGHT OF ARTICLE V OF TREATY. "MOST PERTINENT ELEMENTS" COULD ALSO BE EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM CURRENT US-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS TO ELABORATE SPECIAL AGREEMENT ON PNES ENVISAGED IN TTB.

5. TURNING TO ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION, NIKOLOV ASSERTED THAT CCD'S NEW EFFORT WOULD ENCOMPASS "SUCH UNCONVENTIONAL AND FANTASTIC MEANS OF WARFARE" AS MELTING POLAR ICE CAPS AND CREATING "WINDOWS" IN EARTH'S OZONE SHIELD. NIKOLOV ALLEGED THAT THESE POSSIBILITIES WERE "ALREADY WITHIN REACH OF THE HUMAN GENIUS WHOSE ACHIEVEMENTS MAY EQUALLY BE USED FOR GOOD OR FOR EVIL." MOREOVER, HE ADDED, SOME FORMS OF ENMOD WEAPONRY HAD "ALREADY BEEN EMPLOYED IN INDOCHINA AS WAS REVEALED BY OFFICIAL AMERICAN SOURCES LAST YEAR." THEREFORE, AIM OF CCD'S EFFORT WAS NOT ENTIRELY PREVENTIVE; INSTRUMENT COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ASKED TO DRAFT WOULD ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH PROHIBITION OF WEAPONS WHICH HAD ADDED "NEW, FRIGHTENING DIMENSION TO ART OF WARFARE." "PIONEERING" SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION COULD SERVE AS USEFUL BASIS FOR CCD'S FURTHER DELIBERATIONS.

6. NIKOLOV THOUGHT CIRCUMSTANCES FOR COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF CW HAD BECOME MORE AUSPICIOUS IN LIGHT OF IMPENDING ENTRY INTO FORCE OF BWC AND US RATIFICATION OF GENEVA PROTOCOL. CCD HAD BEFORE IT ALL NECESSARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION ON APPROPRIATE CW INSTRUMENT; A "CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH IN FAVOR OF A PHASED APPROACH" APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN ATTAINED, WHICH COULD MAKE IT MUCH EASIER TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES CAUSED FOR "SOME COUNTRIES" BY VERIFICATION PROBLEM. WHAT WAS NEEDED NOW WAS POLITICAL DECISION BY "SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES" TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. RECALLING SOV REP'S STATEMENT THAT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT US-SOVIET SUMMIT AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER JOINT CW INITIATIVE, NIKOLOV SAID THAT SUCCESS OF THOSE EFFORTS WOULD NO DOUBT SPEED PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS IN CCD. DALE

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